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Honorable Robert McClory
Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. McClory:

Prior to the recess for congressional elections, the Senate completed action on S. 2552, the intelligence personnel protection legislation the Intelligence Community has sought for some time. The legislation is currently pending in the Judiciary Committee.

Under S. 2552, the federal government will be able to bring its existing law enforcement capabilities to bear against acts of violence which interfere with the mission of the Intelligence Community. The legislation provides federal criminal penalties for violent attacks on U.S. intelligence personnel performing official duties, aliens admitted to permanent residence in the United States under the CIA Act of 1949 for their contribution to the U.S. intelligence effort, and foreign visitors temporarily present in the United States under Intelligence Community auspices in support of U.S. intelligence objectives.

You may recall from the first session of this Congress that S. 1127, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1982, contained intelligence personnel protection provisions which were deleted in conference at the request of the House conferees to allow the House Judiciary Committee an opportunity to give full consideration to the legislation. Chairman Boland of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence subsequently introduced the intelligence personnel protection provisions as H.R. 4940, the companion to S. 2552.

The Subcommittee on Crime has scheduled a hearing on this legislation for 1 December. I would be very grateful for any assistance that you, as a Member of both committees interested in the measure, can give in ensuring its expeditious handling so that final enactment can be achieved in the time remaining in this Congress.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

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